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Community Crime Prevention Meeting

IDENTITY THEFT

Wednesday
September 17, 2008
7:00 P.M.

Groundwater Treatment Plant
2950 Redondo Avenue

Identity theft is one of the nation's fastest-growing, most expensive crimes. Many people are unaware that their information and bank accounts have been targeted. Identity thieves use stolen information to obtain new credit cards; open checking accounts; make long distance phone calls; or make purchases on stolen credit cards. If you think it can't happen to you? Think again.

Join us for an informative evening and learn how to prevent identity theft and what to do if it happens to you. Call (562) 570-7215 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ **Sept. 13-14** **Avon Walk for Breast Cancer** will be held at Queen Mary. Call 310.268.1450 for more information.
- ♦ **Sept. 21** **The Long Beach C.A.R.E. Triathlon** will be held in the downtown area. Call 562.624.4949 for more information.
- ♦ **Sept. 21** **Good Neighbor Festival & Family Picnic** will be held at El Dorado Park. Call 562.544.2673 for more information.

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- ♦ **Sept. 27** **Strides for Change - MADD** will be held at Queen Mary. Call 562.544.2673 for more information.

Building Partnerships to Prevent Crime Through Information and Education

Back To school



As children return to school, it's important for parents and children to go over safety tips together. The following tips will help ensure that your child has a safe, enjoyable start to the school year:

- ♦ Always use the **BUDDY SYSTEM** when walking to and from school. It's safer and more fun to be with your friends. Walk in well-lit areas and never take shortcuts. If you ride your bicycle to school, always ride with a friend. Follow all the bicycle rules, ride on the right side of the street, and on well-lit roads.
- ♦ Stay with a group while waiting at the bus stop. If anyone bothers you while going to or from school, say **NO**, then **GO AND TELL** a trusted adult like your parents or a teacher. If an adult approaches you for help or directions, remember grownups who need help should not be asking children for help; they should be asking other adults.
- ♦ If someone you don't know offers you a ride, say **NO**. Never hitchhike or accept a ride from someone unless your parents have told you it is okay.
- ♦ If someone follows you on foot, get away from them as quickly as you can, and if they follow you in a car, turn around and go in the other direction. Always be sure to **TELL** your parents or a trusted adult what happened.



Heighten awareness during morning and afternoon commutes

- ♦ If someone tries to take you somewhere, quickly get away and yell and scream, "This person is trying to take me away!" or "This person is not my parent!"
- ♦ Never leave school with someone you don't know. Always **CHECK FIRST** with a trusted adult like you a parents or a teacher. If someone you don't know tells you that there is an emergency, and they want you to go with them, always **CHECK FIRST** before you do anything. Make sure you **TELL** a trusted adult if you notice someone you don't know hanging around at the school.
- ♦ Leave items and clothing with your name on them at home. If someone you don't know calls out your name, don't be fooled or confused.

- ♦ If you want to change your plans after school, always **CHECK FIRST** with your parents. Never play in parks, malls, or video arcades by yourself. Make sure you have your parents' permission and they know where you are going to be. Never accept money or gifts from anyone until you **CHECK FIRST** with your parents.

- ♦ If you go home alone after school, check to see that everything is okay before you go into the house. Once you are inside, call your mother or father to let her or him know you are alright. Make sure you follow your "Home Alone" rules of keeping the door locked, not opening the door for people you don't know, and not telling people who call



STOP
for a pedestrian

that you are home alone. Have a neighbor or trusted adult that you can call if you're scared or if there's an emergency.

- ♦ Trust your instincts. If someone makes you scared or uncomfortable, get away as fast as you can and **TELL** a trusted adult. You deserve to feel safe and someone will help you.



National Night Out- "America's Night Out Against Crime"

Another Great Success in Long Beach



Tuesday, August 5, 2008

Thank you to all who participated in our National Night Out 2008 - it was another great success!

Many Neighborhood Watch groups participated in this year's event by hosting potlucks, block parties and over a thousand more of the greater Long Beach residents came out to join the Long Beach Police Department's Annual Crime Prevention and Safety Fair at K-mart's parking lot in the area of Bellflower Blvd and Spring St.

Over the past years the Long Beach Police Department and Neighborhood Watch groups have used

this event in order to share concerns and information as well as promote neighborhood cohesiveness.

It is a great way to meet your neighbors, enjoy some good food, and become familiar with members of your Police Department.

By sharing the responsibility for the safety of your neighborhood, you reinforce police and community partnerships and send a strong message to criminals that your neighborhood will not tolerate crime.

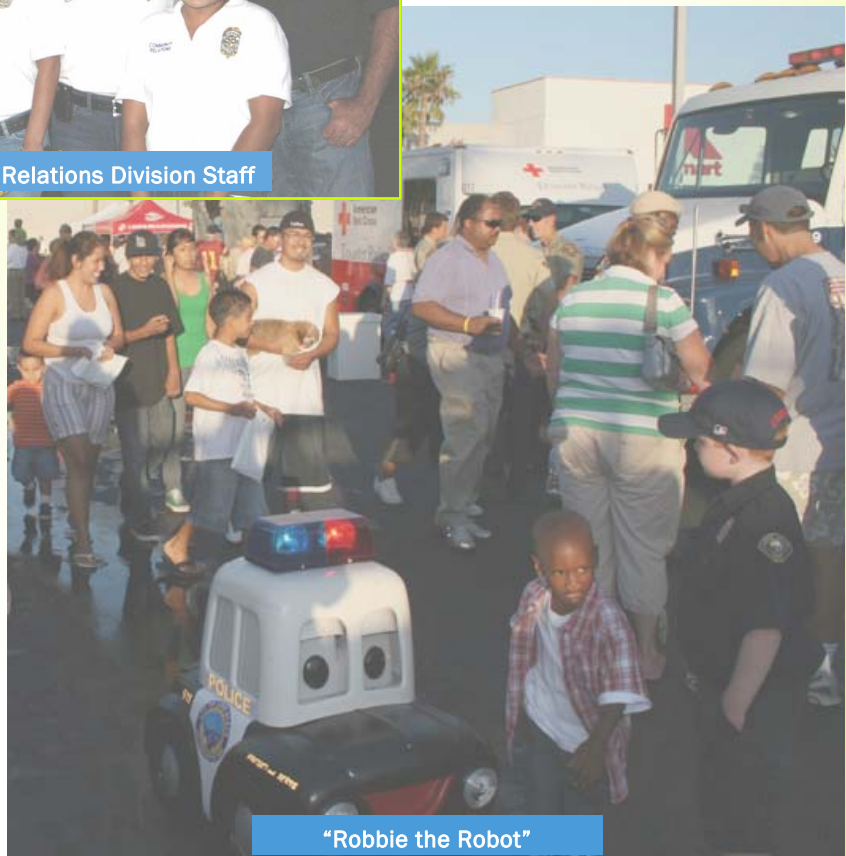
Once again, the Long Beach Police Department thanks you for your support and involvement.



National Night Out 2008



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"Robbie the Robot"



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When Calling 9-1-1...



The Long Beach Police Department receives and responds to nearly every type of call imaginable. These calls range from automobile accidents to power lines down. Then there is the 9-1-1 hang up, or the caller who calls and only says "Send the police!" We have found that many of these types of calls are persons trying to call 4-1-1 for information and misdialled, a person that wants someone to call them back right away and uses 9-1-1 as a hurry up and call back signal, or unsupervised children being allowed to play with the telephone. In some instances, it is a real emergency such as domestic violence incident involving a weapon.

Nevertheless, police will come prepared to deal with the situation. So when you need police, fire, or paramedics, call 9-1-1 or from a cell phone emergency number is (562) 435-6711. However do not hang up until a dispatcher tells you that you should. If your 9-1-1 call does not work, dial "0" for the operator.

When calling the police to report a situation, speak as calm and clear as you can. Give your name, (optional), where the event is occurring and specify if the incident involves weapons (describe the type of weapon). If you know the suspect's name or description, please provide it at this time along with information on any vehicle that may be fleeing the area. If someone is injured, describe the injury and the victim's condition. This will help paramedics as they respond.

We realize there are a lot of questions and/or information to remember in a stressful situation. The dispatcher knows what information is needed, so please try to answer as many of the questions as possible so the Police Department can assist you quickly.

